

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Non-Final Office action dated March 21, 2007. Claims 1-5, 7-46, and 48-64 were examined.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the interview granted by Examiner Matthews and Examiner Gurley with the undersigned on November 8, 2007 during which the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 102 were discussed. No agreement was reached.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 40 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-patentable subject matter. Claim 40 is canceled to put the case in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 61-63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 61-63 are canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being Anticipated by Gomez

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 18, 21-25, 29, 30, 36-39, 41, 42, 52, 53, and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,847,282 to Gomez et al. (hereinafter, "Gomez").

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate claim 18 and allowable claim 19 to put the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an allowance of claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon.

Claim 29 is amended to incorporate allowable claim 35 to put the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an allowance of claim 29 and all claims dependent thereon.

Claim 41 is amended to incorporate claim 52 and allowable claim 54 to put the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an allowance of claim 41 and all claims dependent thereon.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being Anticipated by Rahman

Claim 64 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0049745 to Rahman et al. (hereinafter, "Rahman"). Claim 64 is canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3-5, 31-33, and 43-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gomez in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,790,759 to Wang et al. Applicants believe that claims 3-5, 31-33, and 43-46 depend from allowable base claims and are allowable for at least this reason. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3-5, 31-33, and 43-46 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9-17, 19, 20, 26-28, 34, 35, 48-51, 54-58, and 60. Applicants believe that claims 9-17, 19, 20, 26-28, 34, 35, 48-51, 54-58, and 60 depend from allowable base claims and are allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 11 is amended to be in independent form.

Claim 13 is amended to be in independent form.

Claim 35 is canceled.

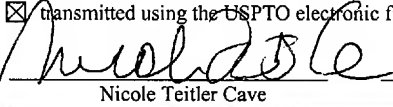
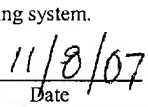
Claim 48 is amended to be in independent form.

Additional Remarks

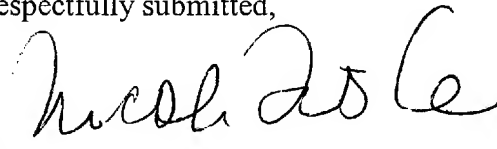
Claim 18 is amended to depend from claim 11.

Claim 52 is amended to depend from claim 29.

In summary, all claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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